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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith additional references of which he is aware, which he believes may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which he may have a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56.

While this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56(b), it is not intended to constitute an admission that any document referred to herein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(g), the filing of this IDS shall not be construed to mean that no other material information as defined under 37 CFR §1.56(a) exists.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date, January 14, 2003, in an envelope with sufficient postage as first-class mail addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

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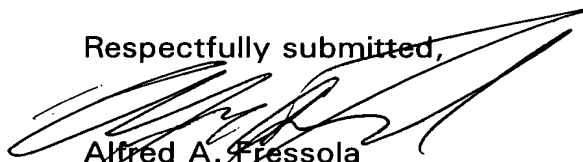
Enclosed is an Official Communication pursuant to Article 96(2) EPC from the European Patent Office making reference to the relevant art. The relevance of the listed publication, "The GSM System for Mobile Communications," is explained in the application specification.

Also enclosed is a Form PTO-1449 listing the cited references along with a copy of each cited reference. The abstract of each reference provides a concise explanation thereof.

Since this IDS is being submitted prior to receipt of a first Official Action in this matter, the undersigned respectfully submits that no fee is due. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to deposit account 23-0442 any fee deficiency required to submit this IDS.

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